

**MINUTES OF BELMONT COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
JULY 5, 2005**

**PRESENT: N. Hegarty, Chair, J. Brusch, H. Dvork, E. Hamann, J. Horner,
H. Kazarian, A. Lougee, Nava Niv-Vogel, P. Solomon, B. Miranda, J.
Semuels**

ABSENT: None

Neil Hegarty (chair) called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. A welcome was extended to the new board member, Hildy Dvorak.

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes of May meeting were reviewed, a minor correction was made in spelling of a board member's name, and upon motion and second, they were accepted.

Senior Citizens Concerns: None received.

General Announcements of Chair Neil Hegarty:

Barbara Miranda, Ethel Hamann & Jack Horner were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee. They will meet and present a slate to be voted upon at the Oct. meeting.

Phyl Solomon was appointed to act as school committed liaison. Ann Rittenburg will be the liaison from the school committee to the COA Board. It is hoped that there will be expanded connections between the 2 boards.

Anne Lougee and Phyl Solomon were appointed to the town's newly formed Board Development & Training committee. It is hoped that programs will be presented on a regular basis at board meetings. Suggestions are welcome from board members.

John Brusch, Joel Semuels and Ethel Hamann will meet on 7/18 with Dr. Schreiber to further discuss his program, Chronic Disease Self-Management and its possible implementation in Belmont.

A recap of the past year was presented by the Chair.

Springwell: The Home Care budget passed. All budget items will receive an increase. It will now go to the governor for final passage. Donna McCormick from the Medicare Advocacy Project spoke to the Board about the new Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement & Modernization Act. Shine program counselors will be available and in-service trainings will be

scheduled with Springwell to enable seniors to better understand this piece of legislation.

Director's Report:

Please see attached for details. In addition the COA Director stated she will be meeting with the Town Administrator to further discuss the hiring of a full time designated custodian for the Senior Center. This person could also be available as needed in other town departments. The Chair of the Board will write a letter on behalf of the Board supporting this hire.

Senior Center Building Committee: Phyl Solomon reported that the Building Committee met with John Catlin, architect for the new Senior Center. He suggested that the committee pursue funding for the Design Development & Construction Documentation phase even though the fund raising has not been completed. It was his feeling that because of the escalated steel and lumber costs, the actual building will cost significantly more if we wait. The DD&CD phase will take about 6 months and if we do it now, we will be ready to break ground immediately when the fund raising is completed. Town counsel is exploring the legality of this idea. The Building Committee will meet on 7/13 to discuss this further. The possibility of a Fall debt exclusion is also being discussed.

Fund Raising Committee: Barbara Miranda reported that the fund raising efforts with major donors continues but is slow. John Catlin has offered to meet with the major donors.

Barbara Mranda and several members of the Building Committee will be guests on Steve Rosales's Talk of the Town in the near future to talk about the current status of the Senior Center building plans.

There will be a meeting of the Fundraising Committee on 7/7/05 to discuss a special publicity idea for the proposed senior center. Scot Ferson will be the guest speaker.

The next COA Board meeting will be held on September 12th at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyl Solomon

